<u>AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS</u>

What is claimed is:

1.   (Currently Amended) A ~~computer-implemented~~ method of displaying a compound

word, the method comprising:

receiving data that specifies a first form of a component word;

locating, within said compound word, a second form of said component word that

differs from said first form of said component word; and

displaying said compound word with said second form of said component word

visibly distinguished from the remainder of said compound word.

2.   (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein said second form of said

~~compound~~ component word is a superlative form of said first form of said ~~compound~~

component word.

3.   (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein said second form of said

~~compound~~ component word does not contain said first form of said ~~compound~~

component word.

4.   (Currently Amended) A ~~computer-implemented~~ method of determining a position of

a component word within a compound word, the method comprising:

determining a first stem word associated with said compound word;

determining a second stem word associated with said compound word;

based on a comparison between letters in said first stem word and said compound

word, determining a first starting position;

based on a comparison between letters in said second stem word and said compound

word, determining a second starting position;

determining, based on said first starting position and said second starting position, a

starting position associated with said first stem word; and

determining, based on said first starting position and said second starting position, an

ending position associated with said first stem word; and

displaying said compound word with letters at and between said starting position

associated with said first stem word and said ending position associated with

said first stem word visibly distinguished from the remainder of said

compound word.

5.   (Original) The method of Claim 4, wherein determining said first starting position

comprises:

determining, for a first sequence of letters in said compound word, a first score based

on how many letters in said first sequence match letters in said first stem

word;

determining, for a second sequence of letters in said compound word, a second score

based on how many letters in said second sequence match letters in said first

stem word; and

determining said first starting position based on said first score and said second score.

6.   (Original) The method of Claim 5, wherein determining said second starting position comprises:

determining, for a third sequence of letters in said compound word, a third score based on how many letters in said third sequence match letters in said second stem word;

determining, for a fourth sequence of letters in said compound word, a fourth score based on how many letters in said fourth sequence match letters in said second stem word; and

determining said second starting position based on said third score and said fourth score.

7.   (Canceled)

8.   (Currently Amended) A computer-readable <u>storage</u> medium carrying one or more sequences of instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or more processors to ~~perform the method recited in Claim 1.~~<u>carry out the steps of:</u>

<u>receiving data that specifies a first form of a component word;</u>

<u>locating, within said compound word, a second form of said component word that differs from said first form of said component word; and</u>

<u>displaying said compound word with said second form of said component word visibly distinguished from the remainder of said compound word.</u>

9.   (Currently Amended) A ~~A~~ <u>The</u> computer-readable <u>storage</u> medium <u>of Claim 8.</u> ~~carrying one or more sequences of instructions which, when executed by one or more~~

~~processors, causes the one or more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 2~~ wherein said second form of said component word is a superlative form of said first form of said component word.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The computer-readable storage medium of claim 8,~~carrying one or more sequences of instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 3~~ wherein said second form of said component word does not contain said first form of said component word.

11. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium carrying one or more sequences of instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or more processors to ~~perform the method recited in Claim 4.~~carry out the steps of:

determining a first stem word associated with said compound word;

determining a second stem word associated with said compound word;

based on a comparison between letters in said first stem word and said compound word, determining a first starting position;

based on a comparison between letters in said second stem word and said compound word, determining a second starting position;

determining, based on said first starting position and said second starting position, a starting position associated with said first stem word;

determining, based on said first starting position and said second starting position, an ending position associated with said first stem word; and

displaying said compound word with letters at and between said starting position associated with said first stem word and said ending position associated with said first stem word visibly distinguished from the remainder of said compound word.

12. (Currently Amended) A The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 11, carrying one or more sequences of instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 5 wherein determining said first starting position comprises:

determining, for a first sequence of letters in said compound word, a first score based on how many letters in said first sequence match letters in said first stem word;

determining, for a second sequence of letters in said compound word, a second score based on how many letters in said second sequence match letters in said first stem word; and

determining said first starting position based on said first score and said second score.

13. (Currently Amended) A The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 12, carrying one or more sequences of instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 6 wherein determining said second starting position comprises:

determining, for a third sequence of letters in said compound word, a third score based on how many letters in said third sequence match letters in said second stem word;

determining, for a fourth sequence of letters in said compound word, a fourth score
based on how many letters in said fourth sequence match letters in said second
stem word; and

determining said second starting position based on said third score and said fourth
score.

14. (Canceled)

15. (New) The method of Claim 1, wherein the steps of receiving, locating and displaying
are performed by a search engine.